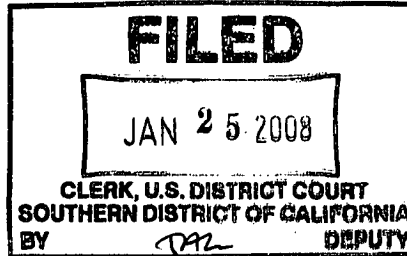


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) Magistrate No. 08 MJ 8068
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11 Plaintiff,) COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF:
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12 v.) Title 18 U.S.C. § 3144
13 Severino AMADOR-Rios) F.R.Crim.P. [Material Witness]
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14 Material Witness.)
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16 The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

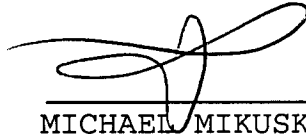
17 That on or about January 21, 2008, within the Southern District
18 of California, material witness, Severino AMADOR-Rios, did witness and
19 observe defendants "F.R.H." and "P.M.D." transport into the United
20 States two undocumented aliens, in violation of Title 8, United States
21 Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Material Witness testimony is
22 essential to support a petition in the State of California Juvenile
23 Court against the minors and whose whereabouts at the time of trial
24 will be a foreign country, or unknown, a warrant for his arrest should
25 be issued, and he should be detained until his testimony can be
26 secured. The affiant further alleges that the above-referenced
27 material witness is a citizen and native of Mexico with no legal right
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1 to remain in the United States, and have no apparent means of support
2 or family ties.

3 Therefore, the above-referenced material witness is a material
4 witness under Title 18, United States Code, Section 3144.

5 This complainant states that this complaint is based on the
6 attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

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8 DATED: January 25, 2008

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MICHAEL MIKUSKI
U. S. BORDER PATROL AGENT

11 SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 25TH DAY
12 OF JANUARY, 2008.

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15 PETER C. LEWIS
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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1 Material Witness

2 Severino AMADOR-Rios

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4 1. I am a Senior Patrol Agent with the United States Border
5 Patrol, assigned to the El Centro Sector Prosecutions Unit. This
6 affidavit is made in support of a material witness complaint and
7 arrest warrant, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
8 3144, for Severino AMADOR-Rios. This application seeks the Witness's
9 detention so that his testimony may be secured for trial in the
10 Southern District of California.
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12 2. The United States Government has filed a juvenile petitions
13 against "F.R.H." and P.M.D.", within the State of California's
14 Juvenile Court system for the violations of Title 8, United States
15 Code, Section 1324, Transportation of Illegal Aliens within the
16 Southern District of California. The Government has also filed
17 petitions for "F.R.H." for violating California State Penal Code 148
18 (a)(2), Resist, Obstruct, Delay of Public Officer
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20 3. On January 21st of 2008, Border Patrol Agents of the El
21 Centro Sector encountered both "F.R.H." and "P.M.D." as they attempted
22 to smuggle three illegal aliens for financial gain.

23 4. At approximately 3:46 P.M. Border Patrol Agent T. Reber
24 attempted to stop a white Ford Crown Victoria, bearing California
25 registration plate of 5LUUM948, to further investigate a possible
26 violation of 8 U.S.C. 1324. Agent Reber could see two visible front
27 seat occupants. Using the emergency lighting and sirens on his Border
28 Patrol Vehicle attempted to stop the Ford. The driver, later

1 identified as "F.R.H.", accelerated away from the agent thus failing
2 to yield and endangering the motoring public. Agent Reber
3 discontinued pursuit as "F.R.H." exceeded the posted speed limits.
4 Agent Reber reported the Ford was last seen driving eastbound on
5 Interstate 8.

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7 5. At approximately 4:00 P.M. Agent I. Cerda encountered a white
8 Ford Crown Victoria traveling northbound on state Highway 111. Agent
9 Cerda was able to confirm this Ford had the same California
10 registration plate as that of the Ford Agent Reber had attempted to
11 stop but failed to yield for him. Agent Cerda continued to follow the
12 Ford and could only see two visible front seat occupants. Agent Cerda
13 attempted to have agents respond and to get into position to assist
14 him with stopping the Ford.

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16 6. As the Ford passed Agent Penhallegon's position, Agent
17 Penhallegon recognized the driver, "F.R.H.", and the passenger,
18 "P.M.D.", from previous apprehensions for their involvement in
19 smuggling schemes and that they both are undocumented alien to the
20 United States. Agent Penhallegon reported this to fellow agents in
21 the area.

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23 7. Still following the Ford, Agent Cerda could see the driver,
24 "F.R.H.", looking in the rear view mirror at him. "F.R.H." then
25 accelerated away from Agent Cerda.

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27 8. East of the city of Niland, California, based on the
28 observations of the agents and the fact Agent Cerda could see multiple
individuals popping up and down in the rear seat of the vehicle, using
the lights and siren of his Border Patrol Vehicle Agent Cerda

1 attempted to stop the Ford. Again "F.R.H." failed to yield to the
2 agent and accelerated away from him.

3 9. After approximately one mile "F.R.H." finally stopped the
4 Ford for the agent. Agent Cerda removed "F.R.H." from behind the
5 steering wheel of the Ford.

6 10. Agents questioned the occupants of the Ford and determined
7 them all to be citizens of countries other than the United States
8 illegally in the United States.

9 11. Material Witnesses to the incident are able to provide
10 positive identification of the principal, "F.R.H." and the co-
11 principal, "P.M.D.", as having a significant part in the smuggling
12 scheme. The Material Witnesses are also able to provide significant
13 testimony which would corroborate the statements of the Agents.

14 12. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully submit testimony from
15 SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS at trial will be material.

16 13. In addition, it will not impractical to secure the presence
17 of SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS by subpoena for the following reasons:

18 a. SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS is not a citizen of the United
19 States and currently resides in Mexico with his family;

20 b. SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS does not possess any immigration
21 documentation to be, reside or live in the United States lawfully.

22 c. SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS has an incentive to avoid coming
23 to the United States and appearing in court as a government witness
24 as he was trying to illegally enter the United States without properly
25 filing for admittance.
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1 14. I believe that, based on the facts set out above, there is
2 no condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure
3 the appearance of SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS. Accordingly, I respectfully
4 request that a complaint and arrest warrant be issued for SEVERINO
5 AMADOR-RIOS.
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7 WHEREFORE your affiant prays that the Court issue a material
8 witness warrant for SEVERINO AMADOR-RIOS, and he be imprisoned or
9 bailed as the case may be.
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